# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, In 1967, Roland A. Benson located in the Pierre/Ft. Pierre community as the Executive Director of the South Dakota Independent Insurance Agents Association; and,

***Whereas***, Rollie gave great service to his community, state, and nation as a World War II Navy veteran, past Commander of the American Legion Post 8, member of the DAV Chapter 18, American Legion District 10, and VFW Post 2038, and as vice commander of the South Dakota American Legion; and,

***Whereas***, Rollie was instrumental in forming numerous Exchange Clubs in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, serving as Assistant to the National Executive of the National Exchange Club, as Minnesota Exchange Club State President and Vice President, District President of the Dakota Territory Exchange Club, and was a charter member of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Exchange Club founded on January 27, 1973, and continues as a life member; and,

***Whereas***, Rollie volunteers his knowledge, time, and talents with many organizations in his community, such as Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce, Elks Lodge #1953, Knights of Columbus, Civil Defense Police, and Explorer Scouts, and has been honored as Legionnaire of the Year, Junior Chamber of Commerce Gold Key Outstanding Young Man of the Year, South Dakota Insurance Industry Distinguished Service Award, and Court of Honor on the National Exchange Club granite wall; and,

***Whereas***, Rollie has been known to carry a speech in his pocket for 20 years, still looking for a group to listen; and,

***Whereas***, Rollie is the proud owner of a Stetson, which has been grilled and barbecued medium rare; and,

***Whereas***, It is fitting and proper for the governor to recognize and honor Rollie for the service he has given to the fellow men and women of this community at a gathering on September 22, 2008:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2008, as

## *ROLLIE BENSON DAY*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State